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wherein (Alk) is linear or branched C₁-C₁₂-alkylene, X is -O- or -NH-, R₁₁ is an olefinically unsaturated copolymerisable radical having from 2 to 24 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted or further substituted by C₁-C₄alkoxy, halogen, phenyl or carboxy, and w is the number 0 or 1, or Q is a polyoxyalkylene, poly(vinylpyrrolidone), poly(hydroxyethylacrylate), poly(hydroxyethylmethacrylate), polyacrylamide, poly(N,N-dimethylacrylamide), polyacrylic acid, polymethacrylic acid, polyacyl alkylene imine or a copolymeric mixture of two or more of the above-mentioned polymers which in each case comprises one or more ethylenically unsaturated bond and has a weight average molecular weight of ≥100, and p1 is an integer from 1 to 6, and q1 is an integer from 1 to 8.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 with the following paragraph:

(once amended) Suitable hydrophilic segments B are for example:

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- (i) non-ionic segments, for example a polyoxyalkylene, polysaccharid, polypeptide, poly(vinylpyrrolidone), polyhydroxyalkylacrylate or -methacrylate, polyacyl alkylene imine, polyacryl amide, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl ether or polyol;
- (ii) polyionic segments, for example a polycationic segment such as a polyallylammonium, polyethyleneimine, polyvinylbenzyltrimethylammonium, polyaniline, sulfonated polyaniline, polypyrrole or polypyridinium segment, or a polyanionic segment such as a polyacrylic or polymethacrylic acid, a polythiophene-acetic acid, a polystyrenesulfonic acid, or a zwitterionic segment. Polyionic segments in each case encompass the free amine, imine or acid or a salt thereof.

On page 37, please replace formula (17a) with the following formula:

(once amended)

